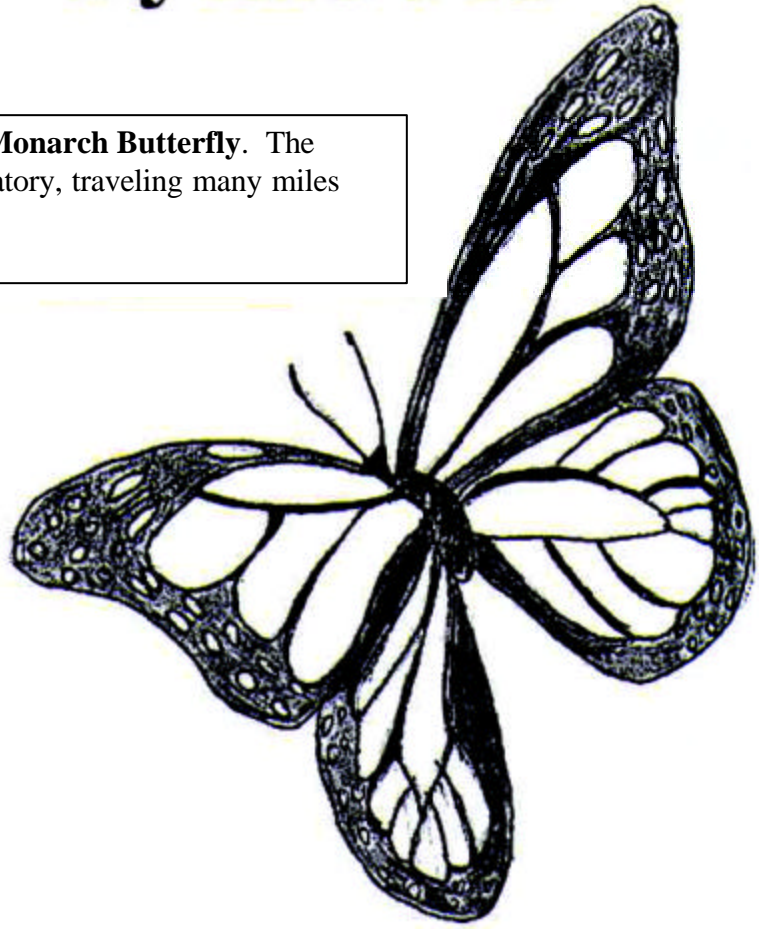


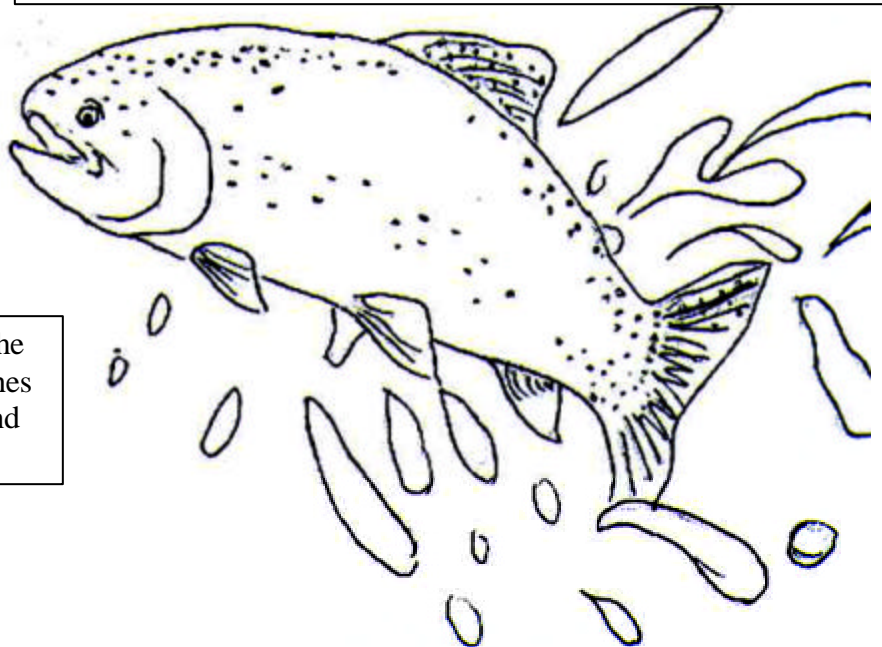
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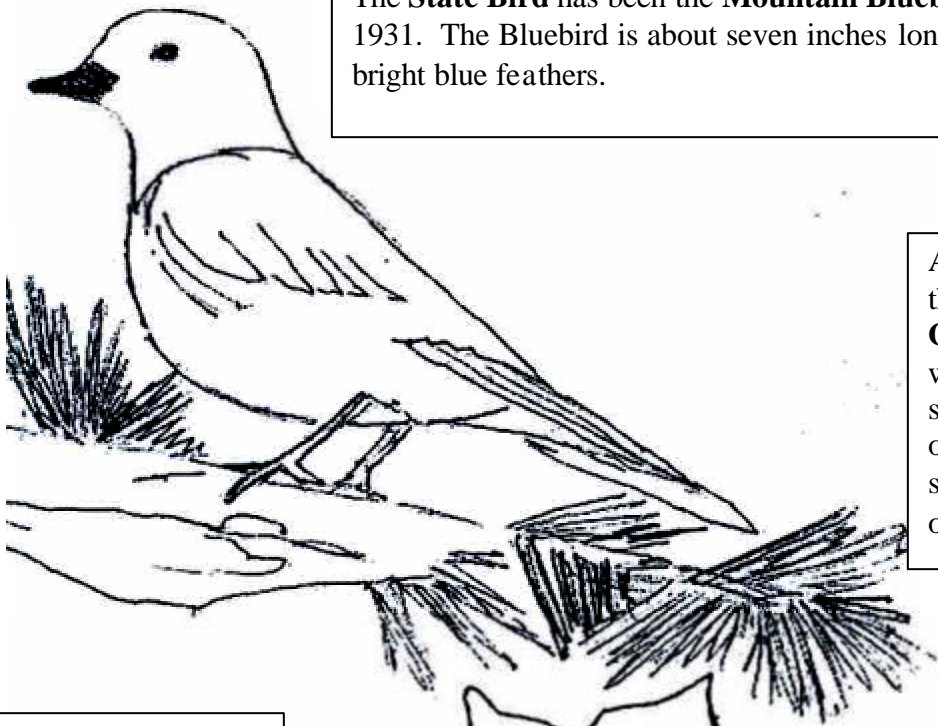
The **State Insect** is the **Monarch Butterfly**. The Monarch is a great migratory, traveling many miles during its lifetime.



In 2000, the Legislature made the **Huckleberry** the **State Fruit**. Fourth and fifth grade students of Southside Elementary School in Cocolalla, Idaho proposed legislation to make the fruit official. Huckleberries grow across the state from Bear Lake to Boundary County. The plants take up to 15 years to become full grown and produce dark purple berries. Idaho is an ideal location for the natural production because the plants rely on snow cover to survive.

**Cutthroat Trout** is Idaho's **State Fish**. The Cutthroat's name comes from the red slashes beneath its jaw. It is a native Idaho fish, and was designated as a state symbol in 1990.

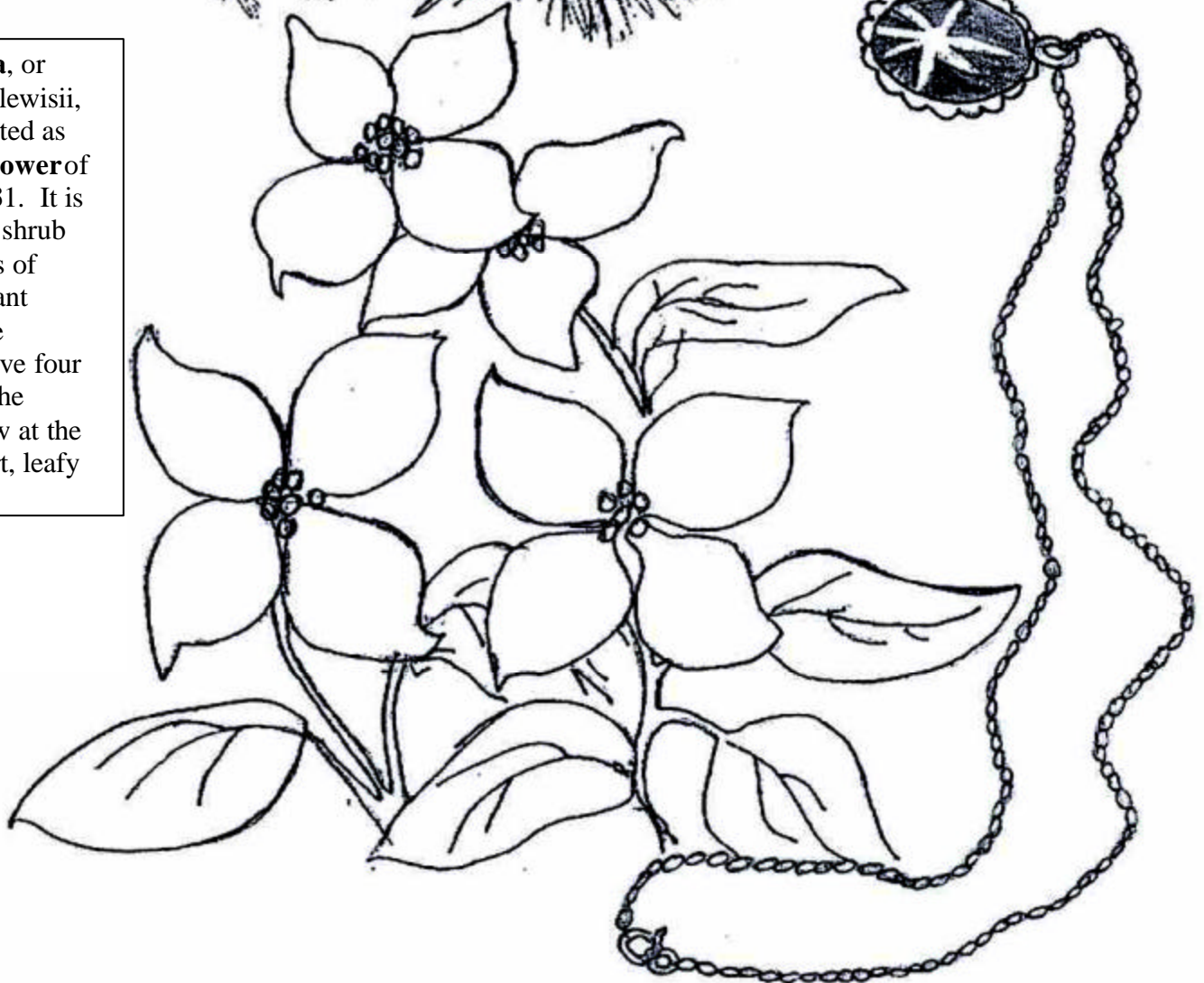




The **State Bird** has been the **Mountain Bluebird** since 1931. The Bluebird is about seven inches long and has bright blue feathers.

Adopted by the 1967 Legislature as the **State Gem**, the **Idaho Star Garnet** is treasured throughout the world by collectors. Normally, the star in Idaho garnet has four rays, but occasionally one is discovered with six. The color is usually dark purple or plum.

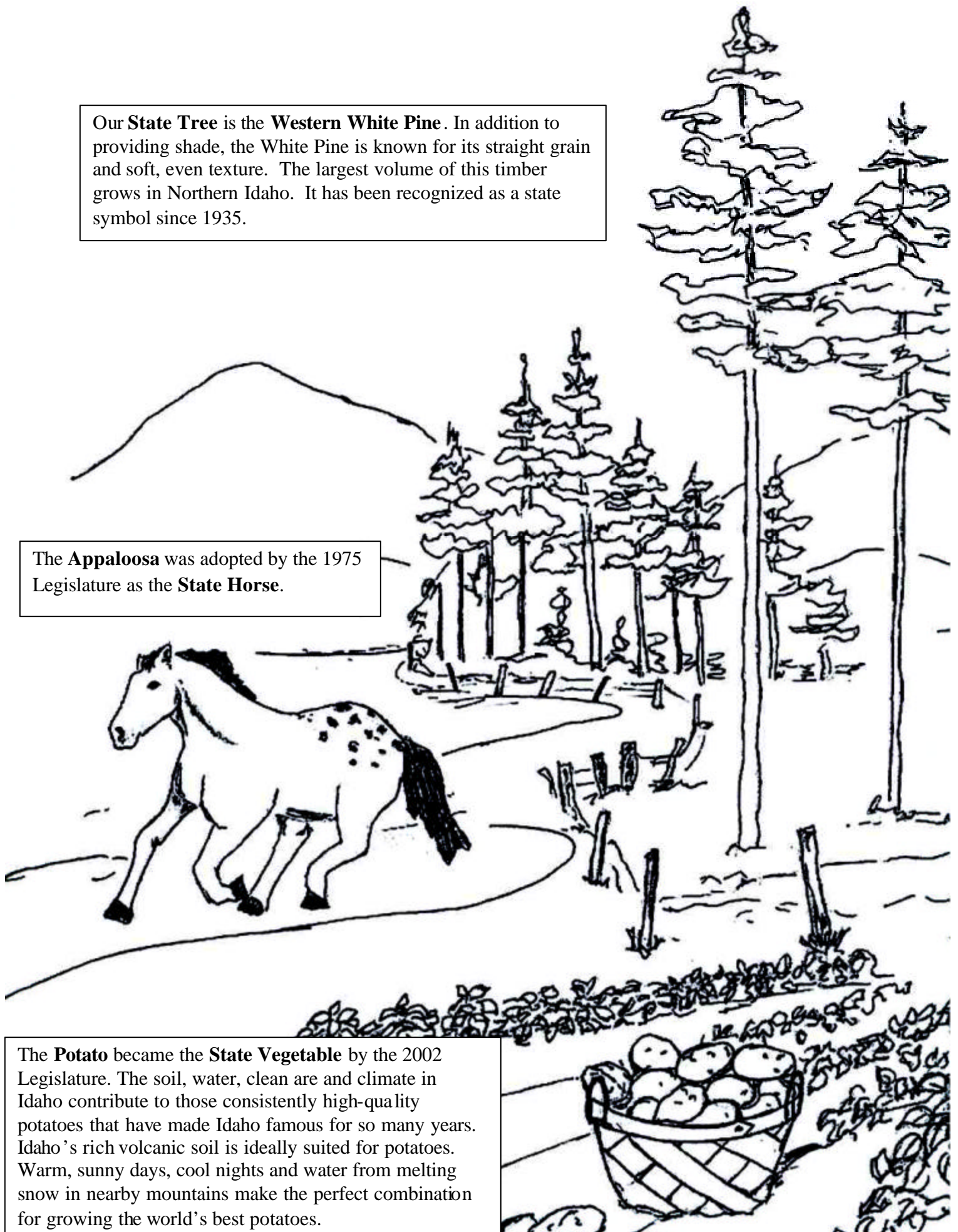
The **Syringa**, or *philadelphus lewisii*, was designated as the **State Flower** of Idaho in 1931. It is a branching shrub with clusters of white, fragrant flowers. The blossoms have four petals, and the flowers grow at the ends of short, leafy branches.





Our **State Tree** is the **Western White Pine**. In addition to providing shade, the White Pine is known for its straight grain and soft, even texture. The largest volume of this timber grows in Northern Idaho. It has been recognized as a state symbol since 1935.

The **Appaloosa** was adopted by the 1975 Legislature as the **State Horse**.



The **Potato** became the **State Vegetable** by the 2002 Legislature. The soil, water, clean air and climate in Idaho contribute to those consistently high-quality potatoes that have made Idaho famous for so many years. Idaho's rich volcanic soil is ideally suited for potatoes. Warm, sunny days, cool nights and water from melting snow in nearby mountains make the perfect combination for growing the world's best potatoes.